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Text of Statement On Press at Trial

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) —
The following is the text of the state-
ment issued Wednesday by William
J. Casey, Director of Central Intelli-
gence, and Lieut. Gen. William E.
Odom, director of the National Se-
curity Agency:

The Government began prosecu-
tion of Ronald W. Pelton on charges of
espionage yesterday, May 27, 1986.
The trial of Mr. Pelton is expected to
continue for approximately eight
days' time and to include testimony
from several Government officials.

Presentation of the Government's
case will include release of certain
classified information involving com-
munications intelligence activities of
the United States.

While not intending any comment
on this ongoing criminal prosecution,
it should be understood that the deci-
sion to make use of this information
in trial has been made by appropriate
Government authorities after careful
consideration of the demands of trial
and the potential harm that release of
this selected data may cause the na-
tional security. The information thus
selected has been carefully chosen to
balance these competing interests.

Those reporting on the trial should
be cautioned against speculation and
reporting details beyond the informa-
tion actually released at trial. Such
speculations and additional facts are
not authorized disclosures and may
cause substantial harm to the na-
tional security.

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